

Army Engineer Spouses' Club

Castle Gram

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Welcome to the AESC!

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Whether you are new to the Army Engineer Spouses' Club or have been a member for years, we welcome you to the first edition of the Castle Gram for the 2018-2019 club year. Inside, we hope you will find the perfect mix of AESC/Army Engineer history, current events, club news and news from around the Corps of Engineers.

If you haven't done so, yet, please log on to our website, www.armyengineerspouses.com to renew your membership or join. AESC is open to spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers - active duty, reserve, National Guard, retired and deceased - as well as spouses of civilian employees of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. It is through your membership support that we continue our mission to support the spouses and family of our Army Engineers. We do so through local programming, academic awards for the children of Army Engineers through the Army Engineer Memorial Awards, our coveted Red Book (membership directory), and through this publication.

If you live in the National Capital Region, please join us on Wednesday, September 5th at our New Comer's luncheon. This was a widely popular and well attended event last year, so please grab an Army Engineer Spouse and head on down to Sine in Pentagon City! See the flyer on page 3 of the Castle gram.

Finally, I have a request! I challenge each one of our members to connect to AESC through this newsletter. Send us pictures of what is going on in your Army Engineer corner of the world! Send your submissions to newsletter@armyengineerspouses.com. We look forward to hearing from each of you as we strive in our goal.

AESC's History

We trace our proud history back to 1951 when Mrs. Lewis A. Pick, wife of the Chief of Engineers at the time, invited her fellow Army Engineer Officer Spouses to coffees, lunches and service projects supporting wounded Korean War veterans at Walter Reed Army Hospital. In 1953, the Army Engineer Officer Wives' Club was officially founded, and consisted of about 400 wives of Corps of Engineer officers throughout the world. Over the years we have gone through many changes, but our core mission remains the same. We extend our hand in friendship and service to all Engineer Spouses throughout The Corps. We seek to provide a connection both locally and world wide. AESC is open to all spouses of any U.S. Army Engineer - active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired and deceased - as well as spouses of civilian employees of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. We hope you will join us through the years and across the miles.



A note from our President.....

Welcome to the 2018-2019 AESC club year! I am very excited for the upcoming year and I am sure that it will fly by quickly.

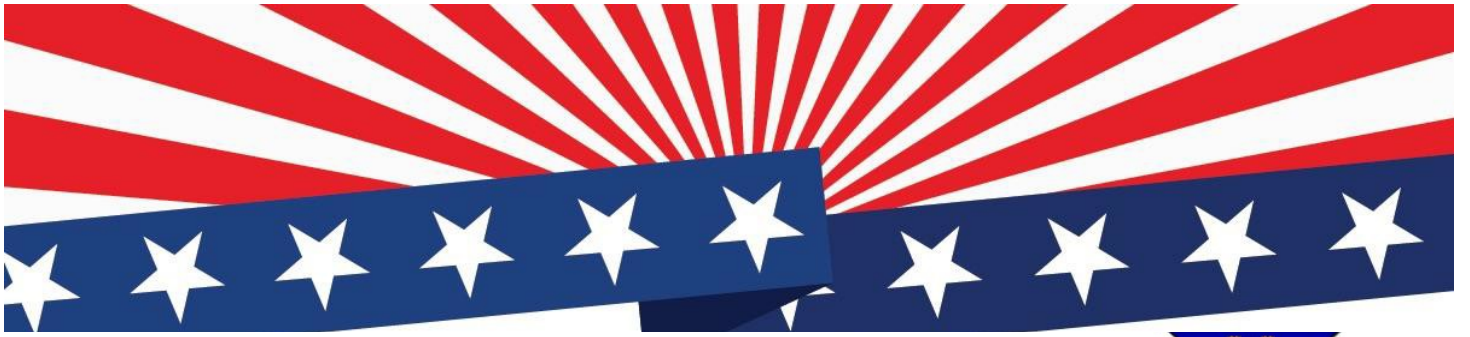
I encourage you to get involved, whether you are in the Washington D.C. area or stationed around the world. Our Club hosts monthly events in the Washington D.C. area, so please look out for event information in our newsletter. An invite for each event will show up in your inbox. Did you know that you can serve on our Board without living in the Washington D.C. area? Well you can and we need you. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact us (nominations@armyengineerspouses.com). You are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings in person or online via ZOOM. Each month, we email the ZOOM link to our members. I cannot wait to meet you. We are also on Facebook, so please take an opportunity to "like" our page.

Membership in the AESC provides you with the opportunity to shop at our Castle Boutique. Are you looking for Engineer bling as a gift (.....for yourself)? The Castle Boutique is a one-stop-shop for all of your Engineer needs.

The AESC supports our Army Engineer Memorial Awards (AEMA). As a member, your son or daughter are eligible to apply for these wonderful awards, to assist them with the costs of higher education. Did you know that the proceeds from the sales at the Castle Boutique go to the AEMA? All of the funds from our fundraising endeavors go to fund the AEMA. Please go to our website, ArmyEngineerSpouses.com for additional information.

Again, thank you for joining the AESC, this is set to be a memorable year. I encourage you to tell your Engineer friends about our Club. Membership in the AESC is a must-have for any Army Engineer spouse.

Warmly,
Christy Cramer Preston



Welcome to DC!



Army Engineer Spouses' Club Newcomers' Luncheon

[Sine Irish Pub and Restaurant](#)

1301 S Joyce St, Arlington, VA 22202

Wednesday 5 September 2018 - 11:30 AM

No strings, no expectations, just lunch! It has been a big move, and you DESERVE a couple hours with friends.

ENGINEER FRIENDS.

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 4 TO: RSVP@ARMYENGINEERSPOUSES.COM

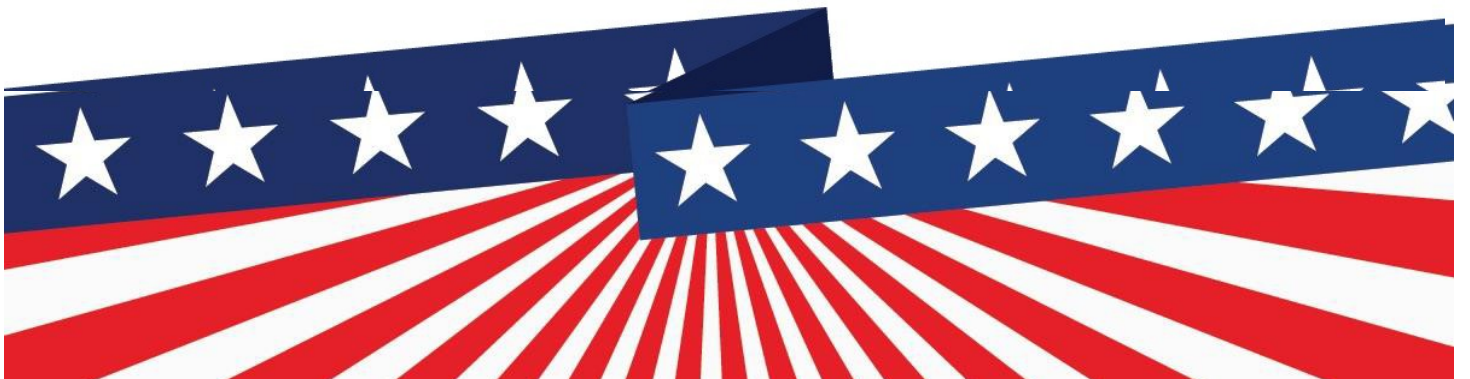
QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL [DEB KALISZ WEHR](mailto:DEB.KALISZ@ARMYENGINEERSPOUSES.COM)

PARKING IS EASY - SINE IS LOCATED NEXT TO PENTAGON CITY MALL.
METRO ACCESS VIA BLUE/YELLOW LINES AT PENTAGON CITY STOP.

If you don't RSVP, you can still come!
We would rather you join us- more than anything!!

**All Engineer spouses
are welcome to attend!
You do not have to be
new to the DC area.**

Please share this flyer with other Engineer Spouses (USACE, REGIMENTAL, STUDENT, ACTIVE or RETIRED) the more the merrier!



*Army
Engineer
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Club's
2018-19
Executive
Board*

ELECTED BOARD:

President	Christy Cramer Preston
Vice President	Lois Cook
Secretary	Tricia Murphy
Treasurer	Kimberly Oborski
AEMA Chairperson	Kara Anderson

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS:

Castle Boutique	Ron Jones
Castle-Gram	Susan Wright
Circulation	Sheila Kelly
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Historian	OPEN
Knollwood Bake	Priscilla Noah
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Nominations Emeritus:	Bette Meuleners
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Webmaster	Terri Stevens
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Corresponding Secretary:	Shannon Luzzatto
Publicity/Facebook:	Carolyn Hudson
Honorary President:	Connie Semonite
Honorary Vice-President:	Kim Houston

Events

- August 17-19 Char-treuse & Co Tag Sale in Frederick, MD
- August 10 -19 Bethesda Magazine Restaurant Week
- August 10 - 18 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
- August 10 Truckaroo Food Truck Festival
- August 17- 26 Alexandria Restaurant Week
- August 18 Around the World Cultural Food Festival
- August 25 - October 21 Maryland Renaissance Festival
- September 1-2 Virginia Scottish Games
- September 3 DC Blues Festival
- September 6 - 9 Prince George's County Fair
- September 8 Frederick's In the Street Festival
- September 9 Adams Morgan Day

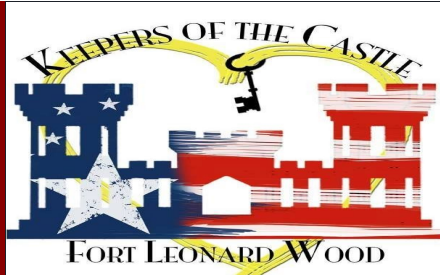
Around Town

Living in the National Capital Region puts you within a stones throw of many military installations serving all branches of the military. As such, there are numerous clubs and organizations hoping to gain you as a member. While I certainly can't list them all, here are a few of the most popular choices:

- Army Engineer Spouses' Club (AESC) - Have you renewed your membership? Please visit our website so you can continue to receive the many benefits of membership! www.armyengineersouses.com
- Army Spouses' Club of the Greater Washington Area (ASCGWA) - While their title is a mouthful, this is one of the largest clubs in our area. They offer friendship, special activities and volunteer opportunities. Their volunteers organize fun activities and share information about unique opportunities available in the Washington, D.C. area. Funds are raised through the Fort Myer Thrift Shop in order to provide scholarships and community grants. If you love being with people and want to help raise money to better our military community, this is the place for you. Their Fall Kickoff is 20 September at 10:30 am in the Ft. Myer Officer's Club. Visit www.armyspousesclub.org for more details.
- Belvoir Officers' Spouses' Club (BOSC) is a volunteer driven, private, 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization providing information, philanthropic and social opportunities to our members while making charitable contributions to our military and local communities. Super Sign Up is September 11th at 10:00 am at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. Please see www.belvoirosc.org for more details.
- The Belvoir Enlisted Spouses' Club (BESC) strives to award military dependents with higher-education scholarships. They understand the importance of community involvement and participate in many Club outreach opportunities. They believe that the sacrificing lifestyle that the military families choose can be alleviated due to their aid and support. Please see www.belvoiresc.org for more information.

Events in the Fort Leonard Wood area

- August 11 Rosebud Grand Antique Mall's Second Saturday Open
- August 17 Movie in the Park
- August 25 Laurie Hill-billy Flea Market in Laurie, MO
- September 1 Hippie Fest in Jadwin, MO
- September 7 Conway Community Days in Conway, MO
- September 7 Iberia Fall Junk Fest
- September 8 Fall Native Plant Sale, Birding & Pollinator Sale in Rolla, MO
- September 8 Linn Creek Garage Sale & Market Place
- September 15 Fall Yard Sale on FLW
- September 15 Niangua River Swap Meet & Shop
- September 15 Starvy Creek Bluegrass Fall Festival in Lebanon
- September 21 Movie in the Park
- September 22 Junk n the Trunk 2018 in Lebanon
- September 29 Phillipsburg Fall Festival
- September 29 Bennett Springs State Park Girls Fish For Free
- September 29 Camden-ton Pumpkin Chunkin



Keeper's of the Castle is an Engineer Spouses' Club located in Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. They welcome members from Active Duty army, National Guard, Reserve, Retired, allies and sister services. They aim to Instill pride in Engineer spouses through camaraderie by educating, sharing, and embracing our roles - past, present, and future. Connect with the Keeper's Of the Castle on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepersOfTheCastle or via email FLWKeepers@gmail.com.

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KEEPERS OF THE CASTLE

Ice Cream Social

AUGUST 16, 2018

ENGINEER REGIMENTAL ROOM

6:30 PM

Bring your favorite ice cream topping or beverage of your choice to share.

NEW Keepers of the Castle Shirts
will be available for purchase for
\$20 per shirt

E-INVITE TO FOLLOW FOR RSVP

Army Engineer Memorial Awards

In 1967, our organization began recognizing high school seniors of Engineering Officers for their outstanding academic achievements. Then in 1973, we officially made these awards part of our mission by establishing the Army Engineer Memorial Awards to honor the memory of Engineer officers who died in Vietnam. And now, to honor all Engineers who have died in the line of duty.

The awards we present are available to children of all U.S. Army Engineers - Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard - serving, retired or deceased, and all current Department of the Army employees of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. It is very important to note that the awards are merit-based. Our AEMA chairman, Eric Shaw, is charged with forming a committee to process applications. Weighted scoring is placed on grade point averages, national testing, leadership roles, extra-curricular activities, sports, awards and employment. There are absolutely no points given for a sponsor's rank, position, time in service, etc., but the number of moves during the high school student's career is taken into consideration. Our required essay is sent to educators outside of the club membership for scoring. All of the applications remain anonymous throughout the ranking process. In fact, our board learns the names of the recipients the same day as the recipients do. This process is quite lengthy, tedious and detailed. Erica and her committee do a fabulous job! If you would like to support our mission to reward our outstanding high school students as well as honor our fallen Engineers, please consider a donation to AEMA. You can do this via our website: www.armyengineerspouses.com/please-donate.

Engineer Castle Sugar Cookies

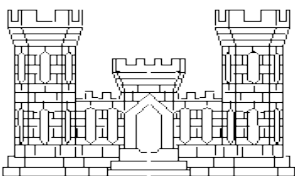
Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 egg
- 2 1/2 cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- Granulated sugar or colored sugar

Steps

- Mix powdered sugar, butter, vanilla, almond extract and egg in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients except granulated sugar. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.
- Heat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease cookie sheet.
- Divide dough in half. Roll each half 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured surface. Use your Engineer Castle cookie cutter (if you don't have one you can purchase one from the Castle Boutique) to cut into Castles. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Place on cookie sheet.
- Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until edges are light brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Cool on wire rack.

Corp of Engineers' Trivia



What year did the Army officially adopt the castle to appear on the Corps of Engineers epaulets and belt plate?

In Memoriam

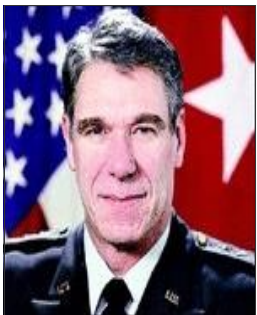


Major General (Ret) Mark William Yenter

Major General (Ret) Mark William Yenter, 60, died suddenly of natural causes at his home in Carson City on May 25th. Mark was born into military service to Dorothy (Berger) of Carson City and Captain Kenneth Yenter of Fernley at the 98th General Hospital in Birkenfeld, Germany. Raised under the Flag, Mark lived the life of a military family member in Kentucky, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Virginia and Carson City during the period his father was in Korea. He attended the University of Nevada in Reno and was President of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Through Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Mark found the love of his life, Lisa Talamo. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program and in 1981 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Engineers in the Regular Army. Following graduation from the Officer Basic Course and US Army Ranger School, Mark and Lisa were married and began their distinguished career of service to the Nation.

Assignments included parachute duty with 1-509 ABCT in Vicenza, Italy; multiple assignments in increasing levels of command and staff positions at Ft Bragg, NC with the 307th Engineers, 82nd Airborne Division, 27th Engineer Battalion, Delta Force and the 20th Engineer Brigade and the XVIII Airborne Corps. He was promoted to Brigadier General in the Capital Building in Carson City and went on to command the Pacific Ocean Division of Engineers and later commanded the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri. He served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, J3 for US Forces Korea and later retired from an assignment as the Deputy Chief of Engineers for the United States Army in June, 2017. Mark served multiple tours of combat duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, and Afghanistan and was highly decorated for his service in peace and war. He was a master parachutist and earned the Sapper and Ranger tabs, and was a Registered Professional Engineer from the State of Virginia with a Masters Degree in Water Management from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Throughout his life, Mark remained at heart a Son of Nevada. Battle Born, he retired with Lisa to their home in Carson City, where the views of Jack's Valley and the Sierras refreshed and restored him daily. He will join generations of his ancestors dating back to the Nevada Territory when he is buried with full military honors at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and brother Paul. He is survived by his wife Lisa; their daughter Lindsay (Karl) Swanson of Carlsbad, CA and their two sons Kaden William and Liam Mark Robert; their son Marcus of Carson City; brother Brad (Karey) Yenter of Carson City and their daughters Jamie and Cynthia; Paul's children Brandon and Rachel; sister Jane (Dan) Fitzgerald of Plano, TX and their children Laura, Jessica and John; as well as a great number of close relatives in Northern Nevada, California and across the United States.



Lieutenant General Max Noah

Noah Max Wilbur Noah Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Ret.) Passed away on Friday, June 15, 2018 at the age of 86 from complications from a rare autoimmune disease known as Churg Strauss or EGPA. LTG Noah served 35 years in the United States Army retiring as the Comptroller of the Army. He commanded at many levels including Commander of the United States Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Huntsville Division Commander building in Israel on two critical airfields that played a part in the peace negotiations by President Carter, Commander, Saint Paul District for the Corps of Engineers, Commander, 2nd Engineer Group in the Republic of Korea, and Commander, 307th Engineer Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. Noah graduated in 1953 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a veteran of Vietnam and Korea. General Noah held key postings to the Army Staff and at TRADOC in the areas of operations research and financial management. Highlights of his career include conserving natural resources on the upper Mississippi River, developing cost effective procedures to help modernize the Army's major weapon systems, constructing airfields in the Negev desert in Israel after the Camp David Accords and teaching cadets "juice" as an Assistant Professor in USMA's Department of Electrical Engineering. And his service didn't stop in retirement. He continued to impact the Nation's defense by working for Burdeshaw Associates and later his own defense consulting firm, and he volunteered his time with numerous non-profit and volunteer organizations, including

the Army Science Board, the Association of the United States Army, the Army Engineer Association, the Army Historical Foundation, Georgia Military College, West Point Association of Graduates Finance Committee, among others. He also helped start many creative ideas concepts and developments with other entities like the North Carolina Global TransPark and the Institute for Defense and Business. His military awards and decorations include two Distinguished Service Medals, two Legion of Merits, a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Medal and the Senior Parachutist Badge. Post retirement General Noah's efforts and leadership continued to be recognized serving as honorary Colonel of the 307th Engineer Regiment, receipt of the Gold Deflurry from the Army Engineer Association, and the Distinguished Alumni from Georgia Military College (GMC). Max was particularly proud of his appointment as a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Military Academy in 2015. LTG Noah grew up in Milledgeville, Georgia the son of Dr. Max and Dorothy Noah. He graduated from GMC and began his engineering education at Georgia Tech before receiving an offer of admission to the US Military Academy as an honor graduate of GMC. Max received his Master's in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. His military schooling included the US Army War College and the Defense System Analyst Course. He was a registered Professional Engineer in the State of New York. Max stayed active in the military community pursuing his passion for our Nation's defense, our Army, the Corps of Engineers, West Point, and the next generations of leaders. He was a well-respected leader and effective businessman assisting organizations and individuals attain greater outcomes for our nation. He enjoyed being a big part of the growth and development of the next two generations of his family. He was a leader in his neighborhood, community, and greatly enjoyed events with like-minded retired persons in various organizations, especially his prayer breakfast group. He enjoyed the family farm in Maine and returned to his love of the water swimming 20 laps a day at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center. Max is survived by his loving wife, Priscilla Loyal Treat VanSickler Noah whom he married September 22, 1956, daughter Kimbel Burt and her husband LTC (USA-Ret) Michael of New Orleans LA; son Van Noah and wife Meena, of Chapel Hill, NC; daughter Dabney Moulton and husband James, of Longmont, CO; and six grandchildren, Tori Burt Paddock (Craig), Marilyn Moulton Hammond (Eric), Max Oh Noah, CPT Daniel Moulton (Meg), Michael N Burt, Jeffrey Moulton; and three great grandsons, Theodore and Otto Hammond, and James Allen Moulton. He is also survived by his sister Joy Noah McMillan and husband Michael McMillan with their extended family. Donations in memory of LTG Noah may be made to the National Museum of the United States Army through the US Army Historical Society (armyhistory.org). General Noah also requested that his experience as a rare medical case and his remains be used to better understand Churg Strauss Syndrome (CSS) so that it can be more readily diagnosed and treated to improve the lives and survival of those who face it now or in the future.

Sue Schmidt

A great lady, Sue Ellen Schmidt, left this earth on December 18, 2017.. Born in Ohio on January 15, 1935 to Flora Lucile Niles Rower and Lewis Gordon Rower, who both predeceased her. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Leroy Allen Schmidt. Oldest son Raef Allen Schmidt, his wife Donna and their children Christopher Allen, Tyler Jacob and Nicole Kristen Schmidt, and younger son, Rhet Lee Schmidt, his wife Tanya, and their son Cade Allen Schmidt also survive her. Sue had three siblings, Cmdr. Jay Allen Rower (Deceased), Neil Gordon Rower (Deceased) and is survived by her younger sister Nan Marie Morris. Sue met Leroy in Newton Wisconsin and was an airline stewardess prior to being married in the Cadet Chapel at West Point, New York in 1960. Following their honeymoon in the Bahama's, Sue accompanied and supported her husband in his military career. First an adoring bride, she soon became a loving mother, initially to Raef in 1961 and then to Rhet in 1968. Due to her husband's military career the family traveled to and lived in a variety of places including Northern Virginia; Karlsruhe Germany; Lafayette Indiana; Seoul Korea and Leavenworth Kansas. Following her husband's retirement, the couple resided in Albion Michigan for many years prior to moving back to the Northern Virginia area. A true lady of many talents, she was an accomplished seamstress, who made her own wedding dress, as well as being an outstanding cook and baker. Sue was also an athlete/adventurer who enjoyed watersports, sailing and driving her sportscars. Sue was a tireless volunteer and was very active in supporting military families. While in Korea she provided services for families whose loved ones were stationed in the DMZ. She was a long time member of the Army Engineer Spouses' Club, where she held a number of positions including President. Later, Sue remained active in and supported many women's groups including the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) and Empowering Ladies Together (E.L.T.). Sue was a take-charge woman who was also a selfless caregiver. Her family, especially her devoted husband Leroy, will miss her loving ways and sweet smile. She will live in their hearts forever.

Army Engineer Spouses Club



"Keeping our worldwide Engineer family connected through the years and across the miles."



The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers and civilian employees of USACE and, with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who are associated with the Corps of Engineers.

2018-2019 AESCMEMBERSHIP

There are two options for submitting 2018-2019 membership forms and dues:

- * An electronic membership form with PayPal on the AESC website;
- * Our traditional mail-in membership form

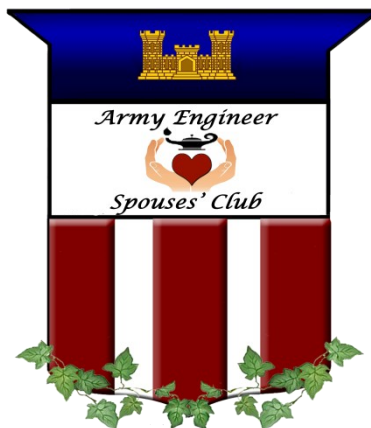
If you would like to be included in the AESC's Red Book, please ensure that we receive your membership form and dues before 31 October 2018.

Benefits of Membership

- The Castle Gram - This monthly newsletter will attempt to keep you informed, entertained, and connected to your Engineer Family
- The Redbook - This annual publication includes our coveted membership directory. Many members order an extra copy for their Engineer Spouse! Consider it an annual update to where your engineer friends have landed!
- The Castle Boutique - Our boutique is available both online and at live events throughout the year. You may find us at HQ, the annual cocktail party, AEA... you never know where we will pop up or what new goodies we will be offering. Each month we feature certain items available to members only
- The children of our members are invited to apply for the Army Engineer Memorial Awards.
- We host several activities such as museum visits, lunches, bowling, you name it! We also look forward to our annual events such as Newcomer's Luncheon, Welcome Cocktail Party,



Please like us on Facebook



AESC 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please PRINT NAME as you would like to be listed in the Castle Directory (The Redbook)

Last _____ First _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred contact phone: _____

E-mail _____

Your Birthday (month/day only) _____

Check one: New member Returning member Rejoining member

Spouse's Name _____

Check one: Is Spouse: Active USACE DA Civilian Retired Reserve/National Guard Deceased

Spouse's title/rank/job assignment or firm _____

By sending this application, you agree to have the above information listed in the Castle

Directory. Membership runs from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019. Membership information received by Oct 31st, 2018 will be included in the 2018-2019 Castle Directory. Thank you!

Annual dues + 1 copy of the Castle Directory \$25 _____

Additional Castle Directory: Each \$5 _____

Total: _____

Please make check payable to AESC and mail to:

AESC MEMBERSHIP

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Alexandria, VA 22306-6332

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